

simply one of the many gifts that New Life Assembly of God gives to area residents.

The church has also helped initiate a Day of Compassion in Janesville, which provides those in need with access to free food, health screening, spiritual counsel, and other assistance.

Pastor Jackson brings 36 years of experience as a pastor to his work in the church, the community, and to the House floor today.

Pastor, thank you so much for sharing your wisdom and praying with us this morning.

LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASE PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH ACT

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge passage of the Lyme and Tick-borne Disease Prevention Act. I have co-introduced this bill because a more coordinated Federal effort to fight Lyme disease is long overdue.

Lyme disease is one of the most mysterious and misunderstood illnesses that our families, including our children, face every day. Our health care community faces extremely difficult challenges in diagnosing and treating Lyme disease.

The epicenter of Lyme disease is in my district in the Hudson Valley, but incidence rates have increased dramatically throughout the country in the past few years. There are 49 States that have experienced Lyme disease cases.

It is time for the Federal Government to assume greater Lyme fighting responsibilities. Our bill will help develop a realistic and reliable diagnostic test, it will help increase Lyme disease research, and it will create an advisory committee of patient advocates and specialized physicians to help Health and Human Services develop and implement a vastly improved national strategy to fight Lyme disease.

We can't leave the burden of controlling Lyme disease to our local health agencies alone. By passing this bipartisan legislation, more work will be done at the Federal level to help our local communities. Please help me pass this legislation.

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, at least 30 percent of the \$3.2 trillion spent annually for health care in the United States goes to the for-profit system while 50 million Americans, many of them working, are without health insurance. About \$660 billion goes for corporate profits, executive salaries, stock options, advertising, marketing, and the cost of paperwork.

If we took all that money and we put it into a public health system, a national health care plan, we would have enough money to cover everything for everyone, all medically necessary care, including dental care, vision care, mental health care, prescription drug and long-term care.

Health care is a big money maker for corporate America, however, and people we know can't afford necessary health care because premiums, co-pays, and deductibles keep going up. About half of the bankruptcies in America are health-care related.

It is time for this country to break free of the shackles of the insurance companies, and we can do that by Members of Congress supporting H.R. 676, the Conyers-Kucinich-McDermott bill, which calls for a universal health care plan where all people are conferred and, finally, we meet the moral challenge that this country has of providing health care for all.

REPUBLICANS VICTORIOUS IN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL GAME

(Mr. OXLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that the Republican baseball team once again was victorious in the annual congressional game by a 12-1 score on June 29.

I particularly want to thank our sponsors. We were able to raise over \$100,000 for charities. Once again, the charities were the big winners, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Washington area as well as the Adult Literacy Council.

I want to also congratulate my counterpart, MIKE DOYLE, the manager of the Democrat team, JOE BACA, the pitcher and the most valuable player on the part of the Democrats, with KENNY HULSHOF the MVP on the Republican side, and JOHN SHIMKUS, our extraordinary pitcher, who came back from heart surgery this year to pitch a complete game.

So congratulations to everybody for a wonderful evening of camaraderie and a good time and a nice victory as well. This is my last opportunity to do a little bit of bragging here as the manager.

Also, I want to congratulate the long-time manager of the Democrats, MARTIN OLAV SABO, who is retiring this year. He turned over the reins to MIKE DOYLE, but he was inducted into the Roll Call Hall of Fame, well deserved for a great sportsman and a great individual, MARTIN OLAV SABO.

Again, thank you, everybody. It was a great victory.

LESSONS LEARNED

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the President said we would continue to be wise about how we spend the people's money. Now, this is true. We actually have a Director of Lessons Learned at the White House, who is paid over \$100,000.

Maybe I can save the taxpayers \$100,000 by running through a few lessons this White House should have learned:

Lesson 1. When the Army Chief of Staff and the Secretary of State say you are going to war without enough troops, you are going to war without enough troops.

Lesson 2 learned. When \$8 billion is missing from Iraq's reconstruction and \$2 billion disappears from Katrina relief, you need a little accountability.

Lesson 3 learned. When you have turned the corner in Iraq more times than Danica Patrick at the Indy 500, it means you are going in circles.

Lesson 4 learned. When the National Weather Service tells you a category 5 hurricane is heading for New Orleans, a category 5 hurricane is heading for New Orleans.

I would also ask the President why we are paying for two Ethics Advisors and a Director of Fact Checking. They must be the only people in Washington who get more vacation time than the President. Maybe the White House can consolidate these positions into a Director of Irony.

It is time for a new direction.

SELLING OUR NATIONAL FORESTS

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, the bureaucrats are at it again. First, they came up with the idea of selling off 300,000 acres of our precious national forest lands, including 1,000 acres of the Ocala National Forest in my district. They made this reckless budget proposal without any input whatsoever from Members of Congress or the American public.

After the fact, 130,000 Americans wrote in to oppose this proposal. This week, the United States Department of Agriculture bureaucrats arrogantly told the press they want to move forward anyway, despite Congress and the American public. The pathetic attempt of the Department of Agriculture bureaucrats to sell our national forests is financially short-sighted and environmentally reckless.

You can lead a bureaucrat to water, but you can't make him think. Well, we are going to do the thinking for you and reject this insane proposal.

REPUBLICANS NOT SERIOUS ABOUT SECURING OUR BORDERS

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)